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## EDITOR'S MISCELLANY



[We have received the following account of the Nurses' Exhibit at Charleston, S. C., from the Johns Hopkins Training-School, whose officers have had the work in charge.—Ed.]

"Those who are fortunate enough to be able to turn towards the 'Sunny South' at this unfriendly season of the year will probably find themselves tempted to pause at Charleston, S. C., and obtain at least a passing glimpse of the exhibition now in progress there. And those interested in women's work will find themselves naturally drawn towards the Women's Building, in which, among a variety of interesting and instructive displays, will be found a quiet corner with a simple placard over the door announcing that within is a *Nursing Exhibit*. This exhibit is a part of the carefully defined plans of a committee of Maryland women, under the direction of Mrs. William M. Ellicott, president of the Arundel Club. This committee of women was anxious to place before Southern people a gathering together of some of the more important works carried on or achieved by women. Various educational matters, work in domestic science, nursing, and other lines were included in this very excellent plan, intended to be suggestive and helpful to women in a part of the country where opportunities for such independent effort are at present difficult to find. Means to assist in the preparation of these exhibits, which are always somewhat costly, was provided, but suitable space was not obtained until late in the autumn, and as it was then stipulated that the work should be completed and articles in place by December 1, time for preparation was limited to the very inadequate period of six weeks. It is greatly to the credit of Miss G. C. Ross, assistant superintendent of nurses, Johns Hopkins Hospital, in whose hands the work of arranging for this exhibit was placed, that so creditable a result has been achieved within these few weeks. The exhibit is small, but it is interesting in that it is, with the exception of a few articles, distinctly representative of the work of nursing, and shows a gratifying number of articles and appliances which have been designed or invented by nurses. This is a field, by the way, in which we have done as a profession far less well than we ought and in which there is room for great and widespread improvement. The articles shown cover the usual ground of photographs, numerous, excellent in quality, and instructive. They are of wards, class-rooms, diet-schools, linen- and supply-rooms, and in many instances show the pupil nurses at their work in the various departments. There are also photographs of many appliances, showing the varieties of uses to which they may be applied. Charts, records, and models form the greater part of the rest of this display. It seemed to us that it would be of great interest to show in some way the growth of nursing literature, and in response to our appeal a very generous offer was made by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., of Philadelphia, to place on exhibition there as many text- and reference-books on the subject of nursing or allied subjects as we would select up to the number of one hundred and fifty. We are greatly indebted to the Blakistons' for their courtesy and generosity.

"In addition to the general literature of nursing is placed a collection of articles which we consider truly historical in that they cover the ground of

existing nursing organizations and publications. They are arranged in neat leather portfolios with gilt lettering on the cover, and enclose reports and papers upon the following: 'District and Visiting Nursing,' 'Nurses' Associations and Clubs,' 'Nurses' Settlements,' 'Nursing Journals, Domestic and Foreign,' 'Hospital Economics (Teacher's College),' and various other matters.

"Owing to the briefness of the time, it was found impossible either to prepare a larger exhibit or to obtain, as in previous instances, full collections of articles and materials representing the work of the different schools and hospitals. This is to be deplored, as such displays are very educating and stimulating, and serve to promote a friendly rivalry which is healthful and desirable. The greatest willingness to help in every possible way was shown by the various schools to whom application was made, and our gratitude to the following institutions should here be publicly recorded: Illinois Training-School, Boston City Hospital Training-School, Children's Hospital School, Presbyterian Hospital School, New York, Roosevelt Hospital School, New York, Mount Sinai School, New York, New York Infirmary School, New York, Nurses' Settlement, New York. We also are much indebted to The Kny-Sheerer Company, New York, for sending in response to our request certain articles and appliances which are familiar and invaluable to the nurse in her work. We have outlined but roughly the scope of this exhibit and its purpose, which we hope may in some small degree be accomplished."

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#### SANITARY INSPECTION

THE demand for trained nurses to take positions as sanitary inspectors, though in its first stage, is yet persistent, but no nurses who are fitted for this work can be found, apparently, as two towns in New Jersey whose women's clubs have succeeded in getting permission for this experiment to be tried are seeking in vain for a nurse who shall also have the qualifications necessary for inspector of tenement-houses.

"Both places have applied for help to Mrs. von Wagner, the nurse and Sanitary Inspector for the Board of Health in Yonkers, whose paper at Buffalo was so intensely interesting, but she is unable to advise them where to look. But having the matter thus urged upon her, and being ardently enthusiastic over the possibilities that such work affords to the trained nurse, Mrs. von Wagner informs us that she will give some practical training in Yonkers, under her own supervision, to nurses who wish seriously to fit themselves to undertake similar work. Books can be studied and lectures taken elsewhere, but the practical experience, more valuable than all, is at present not to be had, and this need Mrs. von Wagner will try to meet, but on a strictly business basis, as she is an exceedingly busy woman, and cannot undertake to teach any except such pupils as have a definite purpose in view. Any nurse, therefore, who is considering such work and wishes to prepare herself for it may write to Mrs. von Wagner, 173 North Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y., for particulars. We wish to call nurses' attention specially to this opportunity, as there seems no doubt that women will be largely required before long to take up sanitary inspection work, and the nurse's training gives her an immense advantage over others at the outset.

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A CLUB for poor girls in connection with one of the Cleveland churches has recently started a short course of lectures on such subjects as "The Care of the Health," "The Care of the Sick in the Home," "Preparation of Economical and

Wholesome Food," "Invalid Cookery," etc. Miss Johnson, who is a deaconess as well as a graduate nurse, and who has been engaged for some years in district nursing, Miss Cross, assistant superintendent of nurses at Lakeside Hospital, and Miss Fuller, teacher of dietetics, have undertaken to give several of these lectures.

If nurses in general would take or make opportunities of this kind they could do very much for women who have had few opportunities of acquiring knowledge.

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THE woman doctor in England has all her struggles before her. Recently the governors of the Macclesfield Infirmary appointed a Miss Murdoch Clark as junior house surgeon. Six honorary surgeons thereupon resigned. Recently the governors decided to ask her to resign, giving her a year's salary. She replied that she was fighting the battle of medical women and declined to resign. The governors adjourned.—*Medical News*.

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DR. FRIEDRICH, the Health Officer of Cleveland, is making an effort to place and keep the school buildings in the city in a healthy condition. His present efforts are turned towards procuring individual lockers, thus doing away with the hanging of the garments of one child over those of another, which naturally is an admirable way of carrying disease.

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#### ORANGE VALLEY SETTLEMENT

IN the Nurses' Settlement in Orange Valley Christmas was a busy day. The celebration really began the day before, when each patient visited that day, including a long list of chronics, was given in remembrance of the day a Christmas card, a sprig of holly, and an orange. The nurses carrying these loving tokens were well repaid for their pains by the brightness which so evidently followed in their wake. The festivities were continued on Christmas afternoon, when the nurses gave a party to thirty small children, most of them cripples or invalids, all friends made through professional visits. All, alas! had little or no other Christmas. The party began at half-past three. The guests were received in the pleasant settlement library, made festive with Christmas greens, by the nurses in residence together with a few outside friends. Music was kindly furnished by a small Italian, who brought his violin and played his little pieces to his own great satisfaction and the general admiration of the crowd. The children were then asked to look at the pictures on the walls and to tell what they were. Their attention was thus attracted to a very beautiful Braun photograph of the Sistine Madonna. After they had been encouraged to tell all they knew about the lovely Child and His mother, Miss Wherley, head nurse of the settlement, very sweetly told the Christmas story, keeping the attention of the children to the end. The grown-up people then sung "Come, all ye faithful," and one or two other Christmas carols which the children did not know, but all did know "America." Miss Gallian, now in charge of the settlement, then invited all to the hall, where a lighted tree was discovered, to the joy of the little visitors. Later a crowd of happy children went back to their homes, carrying as tokens of Christmas good-will bags heavily laden with fruit, popcorn, candy, and toys. The nurses now drew a sigh of relief that everything had gone off so pleasantly, and all agreed that it was not the children alone who had enjoyed a happy Christmas.

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